



# Redhill Philatelic Society

∞ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ∞

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## Forthcoming meetings:

### Tuesday Evenings:

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Ernest Shackleton

– Mr T Cornford

**20<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Meeting

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012**

Secretary's Evening

**17<sup>th</sup> January**

Displays –

Mr B Cutler & Mr R Cooper

### Friday Afternoons:

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Display – Mr E Walker

**16<sup>th</sup> December**

Members other collections

Christmas Dinner 6:30pm

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Display – Mr R Hurst

## Editorial:

**Happy Anniversary!** The 2011-12 Season sees the Redhill Philatelic Society enter into its 75<sup>th</sup> year, a notable achievement for a local Society. A number of special events and initiatives are being planned by the Committee over the coming year including our own 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stamp Fair on Saturday 14 April 2012 (held in conjunction with The Federation of Surrey Philatelic Societies). More information will be distributed to members closer to the events.

More imminently on the first evening meeting of the new season there will be a cake cutting ceremony to start the celebrations. It would be wonderful to see as many members as possible along for the evening, do plan to attend.

With this issue of the Newsletter will also be distributed the Programme for the forthcoming Season and (as the printed version was not available at the Annual General Meeting for members to keep) a copy of the accounts for the Society.

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## Up Coming Events:

2 January 2012 - **Tolworth Postcard & Ephemera Fair** (Bank Holiday Monday 10:00am – 4:00pm)  
- Tolworth Recreation Centre, Fullers Way North. KT6 7LQ.

20-21 January 2012 - **Twickenham Postcard Fair** (Friday & Saturday)  
- The Stoop Langhorn Drive Twickenham TW2 7SX

22-25 February 2012 - **Spring Stampex** (Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 4:30 pm),  
- Business Design Centre, Islington (Closest tube station: Angel)

## Auction Reminder:

## Reports of Society Meetings:

### 6<sup>th</sup> September – Six Sheets - All members

We began our 75<sup>th</sup> Season as usual with a 6 sheet open competition in which 13 members competed.

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| 1. David Ainsworth  | South Africa                                |
| 2. Edward Walker    | GB cancellations since 1840                 |
| 3. Geoff Richardson | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reich stamps used in Africa |
| 4. Jay Walmsley     | Chilian maritime mail                       |
| 5. David Hall       | United States – Famous Americans            |
| 6. Alan Hall        | The Union Castle lines                      |
| 7. Bert Latham      | Cornish town mailings                       |
| 8. Roy Sargent      | Channel Island Revenue stamps during WWII   |
| 9. David Brunning   | GB Wilding issues                           |
| 10. Richard Cooper  | GB Wilding issues                           |
| 11. Ian Sherlock    | Brighton one day postmarks                  |
| 12. Lee Jobbins     | Enkhuizen Stavoren ferry service            |
| 13. Robert Hurst    | Ross Dependency                             |

The winner as elected by members present was (for the second year running) Jay Walmsley – this time with her entry – Chilean maritime mail

During refreshment interval members were able to enjoy a piece of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake especially baked for us tonight as well as having our photograph taken (with the cake) to celebrate the milestone.

For the remainder of the evening further non competitive sheets were displayed by:

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| Bob Wheeler     | Surrey Scout stamps, PO money bags and damaged mail envelopes.                      |
| Robert Prentice | 6 sheets of GB form my grandfather's collection and Irish free franking hand stamps |
| Derek White     | Hotels near Victoria Falls and TB material  |
| David Hall      | New Zealand   |
| David Stephens  | Postcards of piers  |
| Alan Denman     | Indian stamps   |
| Alan Eggleton   | Cats  |

Our Chairman, Robert Hurst, thanked all those who displayed material tonight the evening providing a wide variety of usual and unusual topics.

### 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 - Christmas, Cocos and Norfolk Islands - Miss Margaret Noack

The atoll of Cocos & Keeling Islands was discovered by Captain William Keeley in 1664. It was annexed in 1867 by Queen Victoria. Circa 1900 Cable & Wireless laid two cables using the Island as a base to Perth, Western Australia the other to Singapore. Messages were sent by cable to Perth postal authorities who then transferred the message onto a postcard which was then put into the post. In 1937 its Post Office was closed due to lack of use. Margaret then explained how the Islands were used during WWII. 1951 saw mail sent from and to Cocos & Keeling transferred by tin can off the atoll and a year later an airport was built on the Island. A selection of stamps issued by Cocos during Queen Elizabeth II's reign was displayed until on 1<sup>st</sup>

January 1994 Australia assumed responsibility for all postal and philatelic services on Cocos & Keeling Islands.

Christmas Island off the North West coast of Australia was discovered on Christmas Day, 1643 (The other Christmas Island is part of the Gilbert & Ellis Islands) and like the other Islands shown tonight are but small islands in a vast expanse of sea. In the 19th century samples of rock were taken and were found to contain phosphate. Away from its coast the island is total jungle. CI is also noted for its crabs. During WWII Christmas Island was occupied by the Japanese from March 1942 until the end of the war. Stamps from Strait Settlements were used by Christmas Island from 1900 until 1942 and their own issues up until 1988 were also shown.

Norfolk Island was discovered by Captain Cook during his second voyage around the globe and immediately noted the tall straight trunk of the Norfolk pine trees (for replacement masts). The island was abandoned in 1814 only for it to be reoccupied eleven years later by some of Australia's most troublesome prisoners? In 1855 they stole the stamps and obliterator from its post office so replacements had to be supplied. The survivors from the Munity of the Bounty settled there in 1859. Its record of births, deaths and marriages were meticulously kept by Bishop Patterson. During WWII the Americans built an airstrip there and after hostilities ceased New Zealand forces ran a regular service between their two countries.

Stamps from Tasmania were used in NI from mid 1854 to May 1855 and the obliterator '72' used. New South Wales stamps were supplied from 1877 to 1913 when Australian issues took over until Norfolk Island made their own issues from 10<sup>th</sup> June 1947 onwards. At an international stamp fair in Hong Kong the Norfolk Island Post Office sold a miniature sheet was sold for \$2.50. With very few being sold two Australian stamp dealers purchased the remainder of their stock and resold them for \$250 each. Mrs Noakes did not advise how many they were able to sell (making their fortune)!

"The postal history of these three groups of Islands was unbelievable and she was very knowledgeable in her subject" commented Mr David Ainsley.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 - The letter "H" – All members**

Another 'in house' meeting where it doesn't matter what the chosen letter or subject is the members always find material to display with few or no duplication of material shown.

1. Mr Peter Jeall	Helicopters
2. Mr Tony Sanson	Herm Island
3. Mr Richard Cooper	Horley related items
4. Mr Frank	Health stamps of New Zealand
5. Mr David Brunning	Horticulture on GB stamps
6. Mr Brian Cutler	Hanley Page aircraft at Croydon Airport
7. Mr Bert Lathan	Helston postmarks
8. Mr David Stephens	Henley and Helston postcards
9. Mr Steve Fargo	Africa – Upper Volta
10. Mr Edward Walker	Hoster cancellations
11. Mr Alan Denman	British Honduras
12. Mr Patrick Phillips	House of Horrors, British Honduras, Halfpenny
and horses	
13. Mr Peter Ring	Henry VIII's Mary Rose
14. Mr David Hall	Holland (Netherlands) Railway letter stamps
15. Mr Geoff Richardson	Germany – Hitler's head stamps and booklets
16. Mr Robert Hurst	HM ships serving Signey Island
17. Mr Robert Prentice	HMS's Iron Duke and Dreadnought, British Battleships
18. Mr Les Jobbins	S' Gravenhage/Le Hague, Netherlands

"Another wonderful evening both in terms of quality and variety of material displayed" advised our chairman Mr Robert Hurst.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stamp Fair – Tombola Prizes**

As part of the Stamp Fair to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012, the Committee would like to run a tombola to assist in raising funds for the Society. To run the Tombola we will need prizes. In the run up to Christmas many stores run Special Offers. If you are able to take advantage of one of these offers and donate the item to the Society, your Committee would be most grateful.

Please remember any item for the Tombola will need to have a “Use By” date after 14 April 2012.